



Music in the Mishkan

Sunday, May 21, 4:00 pm

The seventh season of CSZ's chamber music concert series concludes with "Springtime Trios." Program: Piano Trio (Maurice Ravel), Café Music, Part 2 (Paul Schoenfield), Piano Trio in B flat Major ("Archduke") (Ludwig van Beethoven). Performers: Randall Weiss (violin), Victoria Ehrlich (cello), Marilyn Thompson (piano). CSZ members \$15, non-members \$18. A wine and cheese reception follows. Tickets available at the door, but advance purchase is encouraged, call 415-861-6932 for credit card ticket purchase.

Israel in the Gardens

Sunday, June 4, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Come celebrate Israel's 58th anniversary at the largest Jewish community festival in Northern California. An Israeli fashion show, film festival, great food, fun and educational activities for kids and adults, and lots of information about every Jewish organization or event in the area. CSZ will have a booth – stop by and say hello! Yerba Buena Gardens, SF. Free admission. For more information visit www.israelinthegardens.org.

Save The Date for Congregational Meeting!!

Monday, May 22

6:30pm Dinner

7:00pm Meeting

Highlights this year:

Rabbi's Report

President's Report

Volunteer Recognition

Election of Va'ad

Election of officers

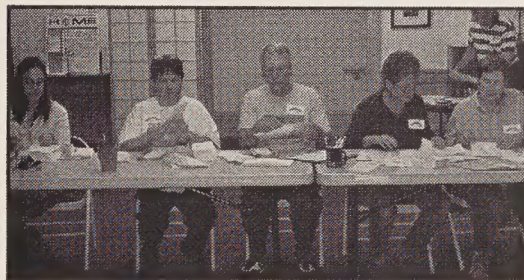
Approval of the budget

And much more!

Thank You for Making Rainbow Fund 5766 A Success!!!!

by Marianne Balin and Tony Harris

Once again Sha'ar Zahav's Rainbow Fund Annual Campaign has been a great success thanks to your generosity. Rainbow Fund 5766 raised over \$50,000 to support our community's programs, services, staff and daily operations. These funds are critical to maintaining the con-



From Left to Right, Laura Lowe, Karen Schiller, James Carlson, Prudence Carter, and Nurit Robinson prepare pledge mailings as Tony Harris (rear) brings order to the Rainbow universe.

gregation's financial well being. Thanks to each of you who made a Rainbow contribution.

Many congregants worked together to make the Rainbow Fund a reality. A special thank you to campaign leaders Susan Tubbesing, Ruth Schoenbach, Nurit Robinson and Larry Wong who took responsibility for volunteer coordination, our Phonathon, and the Rainbow Celebration. We are also greatly appreciative for the steadfast support of CSZ Administrator, Steven Angelides.

Kol ha k'vod to our valiant solicitors and Phonathon callers. Please join us in thanking

Ami Zusman

Judy Schwartz

Leslie Kane

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CSZ Celebrates LGBT Pride with These Special Events

CSZ Pride Freedom Seder

Saturday, June 17, 6:00 pm

"Why is this night different from all other nights? Tonight we gather to fulfill a new mitzvah...we are specifically celebrating our pride in being both Jewish and different." So begins the Sha'ar Zahav Pride Freedom Seder, celebrated last year for the first time by over fifty attendees, and now a new CSZ tradition. Join us as we celebrate the anniversary of the Stonewall uprising and explore, with an extremely non-traditional eye, our Jewish/queer history, from the earliest days of Torah to the amazing events of the present. Come experience an evening of poetry, storytelling, music, song. Don't miss this singular event! Wine and juice provided. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share

(enough for five servings). \$5 donation requested to cover materials. You must pre-register at programs@shaarzahav.org or 824-1786 by June 10.

Shabbat Freedom

Friday, June 23

Friday night services will celebrate LGBT Pride!

CSZ Marches in the Pride Parade

Sunday, June 25

We're Here... We're Queer...

We're Jewish... And We're Proud!

CSZ is marching in the Pride Parade. There are many volunteer opportunities in this year's CSZ marching contingent:

You can help provide SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS for a specific "theme."

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From the Rabbi's Study

Todah Rabah to our Outstanding Educator!

"...Teachers must see the children sitting in front of them as great souls still immature; their task is to get them to grow and flourish. A teacher is a gardener in the garden of God, assigned to cultivate it and guard it from harm."

—Rav Klonymous Kalman of Piasezna

In the eyes of *Hasidut*, teachers are "gardeners in the garden of God," entrusted to nurture our students with love, charged with the task of bringing forth their unique beauty. Ultimately our students learn to become gardeners of their own, but each must first discover that she or her possesses a garden to tend. It is this awareness that we hope our teachers will cultivate in our students—that they are people of value, that they are full of potential greatness, that they are loveable and capable of loving. To transmit this belief, we must believe it ourselves. And this is the precious gift that our beloved Phyllis Mintzer and her disciple, Sue Bojdak, have bequeathed to our students tenfold.

For nearly five years, Sue has served as our Director of Education and has graced our school with her great love of children, her strong Jewish commitment and ability to impart wisdom to our children's young minds. Sue has helped to guide our Children's Education Board, reshape and implement our mission with the help of the Experiment in Congregational Education, and supervise an amazing cadre of teachers. She has taught our B'nei Mitzvah students, traveled to the Religious Action Center in Washington, D.C. with our teens, and inspired students of all ages to grow in understanding and love of Torah.

Though it is sad for us that Sue is leaving her position as Director of Education, we can take great pride in knowing that she has been selected to serve as the Educator of Temple Sinai in Oakland. Temple Sinai is home to over 920 member/family units and demonstrates great wisdom in bringing Sue on board.

As many of you know, Sue and her partner Deb Yates and their sons Itai and Naftali



live in Oakland, just a short drive from Temple Sinai. For so many reasons, this is a great opportunity for Sue in her professional development.

We take comfort in knowing that Sue and her family will con-

tinue in their membership at Sha'ar Zahav. Already a part of our community for 11 years, they will return wholeheartedly to taking part as congregants and *mirtza ha'shem*, one day volunteers.

We will always be grateful for what Sue has done for our children and the whole of our congregation. Sue has a permanent place in our hearts and we look forward to sharing many happy occasions with her and her family in the years to come. We will be saying *todah rabah* to Sue, and celebrating her dedication and leadership of Beit Sefer Phyllis Mintzer on Friday night, June 16th. I hope you will make every effort to join us.

Traditionally, when students have completed their learning, words are recited from Kaddish d'Rabanan. Herein lie our hopes for you, dear friend:

May you be blessed and strengthened as you have blessed and strengthened your students.

May you have peace, grace, kindness, mercy, long life and everything you need.

On behalf of our congregation as well as myself, thank you and we love you!

Camille Shira

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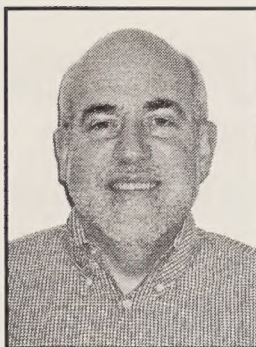
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We stand for freedom



We are a diverse community here at Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, but one of the many things that bind us together is that we are all descendants of immigrants or perhaps immigrants ourselves. Literally, we can all trace our roots to people who came to this country from elsewhere in the world, Eastern Europe, Israel, Asia, and many other places, often within the last few generations. Personally, I am the grandchild of immigrants. All four of my grandparents were Jews who came to this country around 1900, fleeing the persecution and pogroms of Eastern Europe and looking to build a better life for their families. Like countless others, they made their way thru Ellis Island and settled in New York City. I know that each of us has their own story to tell about how their families made their way to America and built new lives here. And spiritually and metaphorically, we see ourselves as descendants of the Jews who left Egypt after centuries of persecution there in search of freedom, and a better life in a new home. We remember, especially at Passover, that we were once "strangers" in the land of Egypt.

All of this means that our community has something of value to add to the current national debate about immigration reform. The Reform movement and leaders throughout the Jewish community are adding their voices to this important discussion. In Washington DC, the Union for Reform Judaism's Religious Action Center (which many of our teens have now visited in the past several years) is speaking out. Mark Pelavin, the Center's Associate Director, issued a statement that included the following:

Jewish tradition is clear on the treatment of immigrants. The Torah articulates a basic principle to which the Jewish people have clung through two millennia of diaspora and disenfranchisement: "When strangers sojourn with you in your land, you shall not do them wrong. The strangers who sojourn with you shall be to you as the natives among, and you shall love them as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt" (Leviticus 19:33-34). As the Passover season approaches and we are reminded anew of this teaching, and as America confronts the challenging and massive problem of undocumented immigration, we are compelled to join the multitude of voices calling for a realistic, humane approach to correcting our nation's broken immigration system.

In New York City, the organization Jews for Racial and Economic Justice has launched a petition on the topic of immigration reform. Some excerpts from the petition include:

As American Jews who have immigrated to the United States over the last two centuries, struggled through poverty and enjoyed precious opportunities for advancement, we join together to speak against the proposed policies that demonize today's immigrants.

As Jews, we know that immigrants have always enhanced this nation and affirm our belief that immigrants continue to do so today.

We vehemently oppose (legislation which) would make criminals of immigrants and their families as well as teachers, religious and community workers who work with them.

We call, instead, for a path to citizenship, meaningful worker protections, living wages for all workers, and full rights for all immigrants.

This Passover, as we remember what it means to be "strangers in the land of Egypt," we call on our communities and our political representatives to stand for freedom and justice.

Some of the initial signatures on this petition included Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum of Congregation Beth Simchat Torah, our sister shul in NYC, the playwright Tony Kushner, and Rabbi David Ellenson, President of Hebrew Union College. I am proud to let you know that our rabbi, Camille Shira Angel, has added her name and her voice to this important cause. You can find the link to the complete petition and list of signers at www.jfrej.org.

One last note: This is the last of more than two dozen columns that I have written for the JGF in my role as president of our congregation over the last three years. I have valued this opportunity to communicate with you, and I appreciate the many comments and e-mails that I have received over the past three years, and the discussions that have ensued as a result. I will have more to say, especially in terms of appreciation and gratitude, in my President's Report for our upcoming Congregational Meeting on Monday evening, May 22. I hope to see many of you there.

Upcoming Programs:

Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Thursday, June 1

On Shavuot we celebrate Matan Torah, the giving of the Torah, by studying late into the night. This Shavuot, join us in marking the covenant of Sinai with a special Ma'ariv service, followed by one of the most cherished of Jewish traditions - communal learning. Food is included! Time and other details to be announced.

Community Azkarah Memorial Service

Tuesday, June 6, 6:00 pm

This evening is designed to offer comfort and support to people who have suffered personal losses. There will be an informal discussion beginning at 6:00 pm, followed by the service at 7:00 pm. The azkarah gives us an opportunity to honor our loved ones and acknowledge our losses, as we also affirm life.

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Pinat Yeladim Umishpachah

Children and Family Corner



Baby Havurah at Duboce Park!

Sunday, May 21, 10:30 am
Sunday, June 18, 10:30 am

Baby Havurah provides a monthly opportunity for the under 2 set to bond with their future bnei mitzvah class while their parents share tips and trials. In the case of inclement weather the time will change to 4pm and the location to Sha'ar Zahav. To stay in the loop, join the Baby Havurah listserve by contacting Jonathan Crosby at yyohan@yahoo.com.

Tot Shabbat

Saturday, Saturday, May 27, 10:30 am
Summer Tot Calendar coming soon!

Come celebrate Shabbat with your tot. Bring your 2- to 5-year-olds for singing, prayer, storytelling, crafts and Jewish family fun with Sandra Menachem, Early Childhood Education Specialist. Younger siblings and nonmembers are welcome.

Family Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, May 19, 6:30 pm
Friday, June 16, 6:30 pm

Meet, eat, sing and celebrate Shabbat with CSZ families, then stay for Friday night services. Families with children of all ages

are welcome. Dinner is vegetarian potluck. Bring a dish to share plus family and friends. No RSVP is required.

Beit Sefer Phyllis Mintzer Open House

Saturday, May 6, 9:30 - 10:30 am

Thinking about enrolling your child in Beit Sefer Phyllis Mintzer in the Fall? Wondering if now is the right time for your child to start? Trying to figure out what happens at Beit Sefer anyway? Now is the time to come check it out! Experience our morning prayer circle. Hear from our kids about their experiences. Get a taste of our classrooms. And have all of your questions answered. Don't forget to bring your kids so they can learn what it's about.

Celebration of Learning/End of Year Picnic

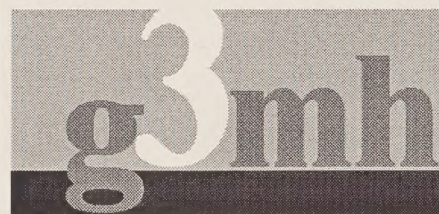
Saturday, May 13, 9:30 am - 12 noon

Join Beit Sefer Phyllis Mintzer students for a very special end of the year Opening Circle wherein we will daven, share our learning from our final unit of the year, People of the Book, and give homage to our fabulous teaching staff. Then join us at Dolores Park to eat, play and enjoy!

Thanks for your support!

Beit Sefer Phyllis Mintzer and Children's & Family Programming are made possible by a great many contributors. Thank you to our financial contributors: The Bureau of Jewish Education of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma Counties; Sinai Memorial Chapel; and the many contributors to the Phyllis Mintzer Education Fund. Thank you to the members of the Children's Education Board (CEB), especially this year's Committee Chairs Howard Herman and Debbie Levy. Thank you to our incredible staff: Ila Cherney, Andrea Guerra, Kendra Lubalin, Sandra Menachem, Karen Segal, Joel Siegel, Mira Waser and Nili Yosha. Thank you to our wonderful madrichim (youth teaching assistants) Tsipora Prochovnick, Ilana Rainero-deHaan, and Shira Zingman-Daniels. Thank you to our amazing member volunteers, especially, Ida Kuluk, Shelli Rawlings-Fein and AJ Turpen-Fried. And thank you to parents, students, and our whole community who routinely collaborate in the on-going creation of this fantastic learning community.

**The last day of
BEIT SEFER
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On Leaving ...

by Sue Bojdak

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel taught, "What we need more than anything else is not textbooks but textpeople. It is the personality of the teachers that the pupils read, the text that they will never forget."

As I conclude my tenure here as the Director of Education, I am moved to express again my gratitude to our whole community for the opportunity you have given me to serve you in this capacity and in so doing to grow into the educator and into the person that I am today. Sha'ar Zahav is a community filled with textpeople. And I am one of many pupils who have benefited from the lessons the people of this community have to teach. I look forward to opportunities to continue to learn and grow with you all, as my family continues its membership in this extraordinary community.

LGBT Pride Events *continued from page 1*

You can help as a SAFETY MONITOR (requires you to attend one safety training meeting).

You can help DECORATE CARDBOARD SIGNS that show our pride.

You can help PROVIDE REFRESHMENTS for volunteers.

Or, you can help by simply MARCHING with us in solidarity. LGBT friends, families, children, and allies are all encouraged to show their support. Details to be announced!

Please Be in Touch With Me

I am eager to be in touch with all members of the CSZ family whenever there are occasions of joy or sadness in your lives. Where there is a death in the family, please call me as soon as possible. We very much want to be there with you at a time of grief.

Rabbi Camille Shira Angel

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CSZ Teens Lobby in Washington!

By Shira Zingman-Daniels and Tsipora Prochovnick

From the 31st of March to the 3rd of April, Tsipora Prochovnick, Shira Zingman-Daniels and Sue Bojdak went to Washington DC for a program with the Religious Action Center (RAC). The RAC represents the Union for Reform Judaism in Washington, lobbying on behalf of Reform Jewish concerns. We joined nearly 250 teens from all over the country to learn about lobbying, about issues important to Reform Jews, and ultimately, to lobby our representatives in Congress.



For both Tsipora and Shira, this was their first memorable experience visiting the nation's capital. It was a great opportunity to see the power center of our nation at work. In our favorite program, we split up into two groups to advocate for opposing sides on the issue of fuel efficiency standards. Within our groups, different people worked on rallies, raising money, letter writing, phone calls, lobbying, and television advertisements. We learned from this that there are many different parts to getting a bill passed, and it showed the importance of all the jobs and how they work together to make change.

On Monday, April 3rd, we lobbied on Capitol Hill. We met with representatives for Senator Feinstein and Congresswomen Pelosi and Lee. We spoke on issues of reproductive and LGBT rights. Our fellow Californians also spoke on issues such as Darfur and immigration. It was an interesting and educational experience that left us feeling powerful, depressed about the difficulty of making

the system work for left-wing activists and guilt-tripped for not doing more at home. We felt powerful because it felt like we could make a difference, and help out others all over the country. We sensed that people listened to us and cared about what we had to say.

This was a great experience for all of us, and we recommend the trip to anyone who can go. We came back feeling well-educated on our government's systems. We had a great time, and look forward to experiences like this in the future.

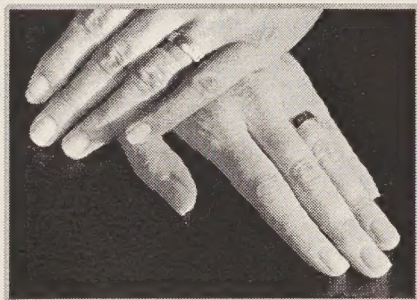
Experiment in Congregational Education Update!

by Debbie Levy

Another dedicated Experiment in Congregational Education (ECE) Design Team is about to begin working with the Beit Sefer Shinui (2nd-3rd grade) class. We have been meeting monthly since November, studying and sharing the traditions and concepts of Shavuot with an eye towards what we would like to share with the class.

We will begin on April 8, with a Harvest Processional, reminiscent of Kibbutz Festivals – you'll see us come through services with bare feet, first fruits, and wreathed heads. In later weeks, we will make ice cream with the kids (Shavuot has always been a 'dairy' holiday), draw murals of our chosen families (as Ruth chose her family), and ending with a Family Shabbaton on Saturday May 6. Through all of our activities we are sharing the story of Matan Torah – the giving, and especially the receiving of the Torah: What makes us a people of the book? How has the Torah been our life force? What are the connections between giving and receiving? Does receiving Torah ever finish?

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The team this year again consisted of CSZ members with and without children, including two parents from the class and Kendra Lubalin, the class teacher. Team members were Kendra, Debbie Levy (our guide through the process), Joss Eldredge, Kevin Johnson, Joellen Kaiser, and Sara Gorr. Along the way, Rabbi Angel led us in some learning that added to all of our conceptualization of the holiday. Sue Bojdak shared material about how to appropriately convey ideas and information to young students.

We look forward to getting into the classroom, working with the kids and sharing what we have learned. Our Family Shabbaton should be a lot of fun, as well as an opportunity for some real learning to take place on many levels – for both adults and kids. The Design Team continues to build bridges within our community, and to further our goal of being a congregation of learners.

If you might be interested in participating in next year's Design Team, speak to Debbie or Sue, or any team member.

Anniversaries

May

- 10 Nina Raff and
Annie Winters
- 16 Ann Bauman and Kelly Thiemann
- 23 Denise Gordon and Elizabeth Priest
- 23 Rabbi Camille Angel and
Karen Segal
- 26 Susan Leff and Brad Post
- 27 Emily Newfield and Rachael Reiley
- 27 Jo-Ellen and David Kaiser
- 28 Geoff Benjamin and Craig Persiko
- 31 Ilana Bernstein and Diane Desmond

June

- 2 Beth Ross and Laura Trupin
- 2 Lillian Schaechner and
Elaine Weissman
- 7 Stephanie Godt and
Ellen Novogrodsky
- 10 Eric Temple and Garry Schermann
- 10 Frank Yellin and Mark Showalter
- 10 Judith Bell and James Greenberg
- 13 Dan Bellm and Yoel Kahn
- 14 Miriam Trentman and Robert Morelli
- 16 Elisabeth Ochs and Lea Salem
- 18 Alex and Jessie Austin
- 18 Eric Weiss and Dan Alpert
- 19 Edward Reynolds and Edwin Jones



- 19 Dana Vinicoff and Sarah Peterson
- 21 Shelley M. Samuels and
Robin Dubner
- 24 Lyssa Friedman and Daphne Stuart
- 25 Shelley R. Adler and Nancy Showen
- 25 Sue Bojdak and Debra Yates

Naches

- Robert Bernardo** on
being bestowed the title
of "Grand Marshal 2006"
by the official SF Pride Committee.
- Desmond Bernstein** on the occasion of
his Bar Mitzvah.
- Tim Cassidy** on his entry into the
Covenant.
- Pieter de Haan** on being granted tenure
at Vista Community College.
- Finch DiGirolamo Klein** on the
occasion of his naming.
- Raena Frohlich** on the occasion of her
Bat Mitzvah.
- Boaz Garcia-Goldberg** on the occasion
of his naming.
- Chanah Harei-Orr** on being accepted
into the rabbinical program at Hebrew
College in Newton, Massachusetts.
- Tony Harris** on the purchase of his new
house.



Danny Kodmur on his new position as
Disability Access Specialist for the
Disabled Student's Program at UC
Berkeley.

Katrina Kuzniuk on the occasion of her
welcoming into the Covenant.

Eileen Levy and Jay Dicker on the
occasion of their engagement.

Patricia Lin on having an article that she
consulted on, about Chinese adop-
tions by Jewish women (including les-
bians), published in Lilith magazine
(which will appear in the Spring).

Benjamin Rainero-de Haan on the
occasion of his Bar Mitzvah.

Shillo Randall on her entry
into the Covenant.

Marty Rawlings-Fein on being appoint-
ed as a new committee member of the
Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender
Advisory Committee (LGBTAC) by
Malcolm Heinicke, Chair of the
Human Rights Commission.

Seth Skolnick on being honored with the
New Generations Young Leadership
Award. Seth will receive the award at
the New Israel Fund's Guardian of
Democracy Awards Dinner.

Harry Weinberg on the occasion of his
Bar Mitzvah.

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May

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- 1 David Ramos
- 2 Rena Frantz
- 3 Miriam Trentman
- 4 Steven Angelides
- 4 Jeffrey Rubin
- 5 Barbara Rinkoff
- 6 Jacqueline Wong
- 6 Aaron Buchbinder
- 6 Minne Fekkes
- 6 Mercedes Navarro
- 7 Aaron Danzig
- 7 Malcolm Haar
- 8 Shelley Samuels
- 8 Elizabeth Jaroslow
- 8 Zoe Kaiser
- 9 Timothy Boorda
- 10 Rabbi Angel
- 12 Kim Haveson-Lezin
- 12 Sylvie Olson-Dorf
- 12 Benjamin Malakoff
- 12 Sophie Navarro



12 Kailin Koch
 13 Alison Jacoby
 13 Mark Reisbaum
 14 Judith Metcalf
 14 Richard Allman
 15 Arnie Jackson
 16 David Zeeman
 18 Jackie Kaplan
 18 David Stein
 19 Gary Winter
 19 Alisa Gilden
 19 Gabriel Oliver-Polsky
 20 Lillian Schaechner
 20 Richard Wilson
 20 Ruth Bernstein
 21 Gerald Rosenstein
 21 Jessica Alexandra
 23 Barbara Cymrot
 26 Robert Katz
 27 Chanah Harei-Orr
 27 Nancy Epstein
 28 Sherie Koshover
 29 Trudi Hauptman
 30 Aarin-Ivriah Schlosberg
 30 Kate Joshua

June

1 Madeline Goodman
 1 Donald Abrams
 2 Nina Wouk
 2 Asa DiGirolamo Klein
 3 Douglas Carlson
 4 Ora Prochovnick
 5 Gregory Ramos
 6 Ben Lunine
 6 Red Bennett
 8 Marianne Balin
 9 Laura Lowe
 9 Lucy Cefalu
 9 Sophia Katz
 9 Barbara Becker
 10 Rose Katz
 10 Claudia Bernard
 10 Daniel Chesir
 11 Annie Winters
 11 Eric Johansson
 12 Susan Simpson
 14 Karen Golinski
 15 Steven Wiesner
 16 Sarah Arnowitz
 16 Nancy Levin
 16 Sarah Rawlings-Fein
 16 Alan Karras
 16 Monica Levin
 16 Shayna Prochovnick
 17 Wayne Bender

17 Pieter De Haan
 17 Jon Uyterlinde
 17 Adam Bellm Kahn
 18 Susan Lubeck
 18 Dennis Ybarra
 18 Vanessa Teplin
 19 Fredrica Lipsett
 19 Michal Goralsky
 19 Michael Kurokawa
 19 Allen Lipsett
 20 Larry Wexler
 20 Janis Portal
 20 Serafina Persiko Benjamin
 21 Richard Sinkoff
 21 Eileen Levy
 22 Sarita Groisser
 22 Marc Wernick
 22 Nancy Windesheim
 23 Louis Hirschmann
 24 Tamhas Griffith
 25 Steve Weiner
 25 Zachary Patchell
 26 Marc Lipschutz
 26 Sarah Orman
 27 Amanda Littauer
 28 Lisa Katz
 29 Eve Meyer
 29 Emma Buchbinder
 30 Daryl Goldman

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 mother, Helyn Springer.

Friday Oneg generously sponsored by
Janis Portal in memory of her father, Jorge Portal.

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Bimah flowers, Friday Oneg and Friday
 night childcare generously sponsored by **The Garcia-Goldberg Family** in honor of the naming of
 their son, Boaz Isaiah Garcia-Goldberg.

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 Desmond Ian Bernstein's Bar Mitzvah.

24/25

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 DiGirolamo Klein.

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Deb Yates, on the loss of her
grandmother, Edith Margolis.

Alan Foss, on the loss of his mother,
Kay Foss.

Tiela Chalmers and Sharyn Saslafsky,
on the loss of their friend,
Tanya Nieman.

Martin Tannenbaum, on the loss of his
friend, Barbara Herman.

The Ross-Trupin family, on the loss of
their friend, Luis Kemnitzer.

Ellen Murland, on the loss of her aunt,
Tauby Auerback.

Andrea Guerra, on the loss of her father,
Harold Guerra.

Samuel Calandra, on the loss of his
grandfather, Alexander Calandra.

Lisa Szer, on the loss of her uncle,
Ya'akov Szer.

Nancy Brunn, on the loss of her father,
John Brunn.

Elliot Klein and Steve Weitz, on the loss
of their friend, Judith Green.

Aaron Danzig, on the loss of his
grandmother, Rose Stoll.

Yahrzeits

May

- 9 Jack Jacobs
- 13 David Delroy
- 14 Thomas Yazman
- 16 David Weinstein
- 17 Nanci Stern
- 21 James Perkins
- 24 David Loeb

June

- 2 Mark Feldman
- 8 Robert Nehemiah Mackey
- 9 Duff Kreitzberg
- 14 Mirtha Beal
- 15 Barry Siegel
- 16 Richard Rath
- 17 Joe Zygielbaum
- 20 William Valentine

New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained the following new members this month. A warm welcome to the most recent people to join our family:

Sharon Miller

Dennis Ybarra

Jonathan Arnowitz and Minne Fekkes,
Sara Arnowitz

Billie Mandel and Ryan Buchholz

Adam Odnert and Robert Norton

Robert Heller

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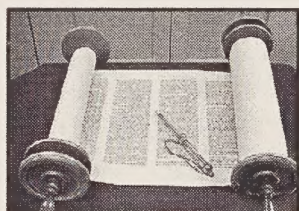
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	Yom HaZikaron Israeli Memorial Day 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	Yom HaAtzmaut Israeli Independence Day 4 pm Beit Sefer 5 pm Homeless dinner at Most Holy Redeemer 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Shabbat Potluck Dinner 7 pm Shabbat Services led by Randy Weiss, Tifla Chalmers, and Kailin Koch	9 am Rabbi Angel lead- ing Torah Study 9:30 am Beit Sefer 10 am Shabbat Services led by Adam Kahn and Laura Lowe 11:30 am Madrichim Meeting
7 9 2 pm Women's Chavurah Challah Baking 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	8 10 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	9 11 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	10 12 4 pm Last Day of Beit Sefer 5 pm Homeless dinner at Most Holy Redeemer 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	11 13 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service:30	12 14 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	13 15 Celebration of Learning- People of the Book Beit Sefer Picnic 9:30 am Beit Sefer 10 am Shabbat Services led by Lyssa Friedman and James Carlson
14 16 Mother's Day 4 pm Baby Havurah 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	15 17 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	16 18 Lag B'Omer 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service 7 pm SFOP 7 pm Marriage Equality Teach In	17 19 5 pm Homeless dinner at Most Holy Redeemer 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service 6:30 pm CEB Meeting	18 20 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service 6:30 pm Va'ad Meeting	19 21 6:30 pm Family Shabbat Dinner 7:30 pm Shabbat Services (there is no KS Ensemble in May)	20 22 10 am Shabbat Services 10 am Kailin Koch Bat Mitzvah
21 23 4 pm Music in the Mishkan 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	22 24 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service 6:30 pm Congregational Meeting	23 25 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	24 26 5 pm Homeless dinner at Most Holy Redeemer 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	25 27 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service 6:30 pm Ritual Committee	26 28 7:30 pm Shabbat Services	27 29 10 am Shabbat Services 10 am James Carlson Bar Mitzvah 10:30 am Tot Shabbat
28 Sivan 1	29 2	30 3	31 4			
Rosh Kodesh (Sivan) 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	Memorial Day 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service	5 pm Homeless dinner at Most Holy Redeemer 6:30 pm Ma'ariv Service			continued from May 6 12 pm Shabbaton 1 pm Talmud study with Ruth Haber

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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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